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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Ex Parte Communication*
Verizon Petition for Forbearance from Dominant Carrier Regulation for In-Region,
Interexchange Services, WC Docket No. 06-56; Special Access Rates for Price Cap
Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, May 3, 2007, the undersigned, on behalf of Sprint Nextel Corporation, spoke with Scott M. Deutchman, Competition and Universal Service Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Cops, about the Verizon Petition for Forbearance from Dominant Carrier Regulation for In-Region Interexchange Services. My comments were consistent with Sprint Nextel's opposition to the Verizon petition, including that the Commission should address these types of requests pursuant to its current rulemaking proceedings and not via piecemeal and overbroad forbearance requests. I further advocated that, if the Commission were to grant any of Verizon's petition, it should condition such grant as appropriate to protect against any harm to competition, such as that resulting from Verizon's exorbitant and discriminatory special access pricing.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anna M. Gomez
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Cc: Scott M. Deutchman